I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

as a producer of a 5-hour PBS series about local news in America, I am well acquainted with the importance of cultivating diverse voices that represent different points of view and different parts of a given community. Consolidating media ownership gives rise to bad democracy, as people are reliant on single versions of "the truth." Please oppose the loosening of rules. It is crucial to the health of our nation.